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## **RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This is a Response to Official Action mailed December 15, 2009 and to which a response is required by "3 months or thirty days whichever is longer". As this term is confusing, Applicants are responding within 30 days. Please amend this above-identified application as follows.

Applicants believe that a charge of \$26 is due for the claim amendments for this Response and no charge for the submission of the two references; however, if this is in error, you are authorized to charge our Deposit Account 503384.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.